

County of San Diego

DPLU Update

March 2012

IMPORTANT DATES:

Mar. 19 Public Review:
Draft Climate Action Plan

Mar. 28 Board of Supervisors
Hearing:
Zoning Ordinance
Update No. 29, County
Code and Administrative
Code Amendments

Mar. 28 Board of Supervisors Hearing: Red Tape Reduction Task Force

May. 2 Board of Supervisors: GP Property Specific Requests Workplan

For more information and additional upcoming meetings, please visit the Calendar on the General Plan Update **Web Site**.

Advance Planning News

General Plan Property Requests Workplan

In January, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to evaluate 56 property owner requests to change General Plan land use designations. Staff has been coordinating with planning groups and property owners and intends to return to the Board on May 2 with the results of our analysis and workplan options for possible amendments to the General Plan. (Staff Contact: Kevin Johnston, kevin.johnston@sdcounty.ca.gov)

Draft County Climate Action Plan Available for Public Review - February 17 - March 19

Draft Climate Action Plan: http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu/Public_Review_Non-CEQA.html

In response to State law, the County has prepared a Draft County of San Diego Climate Action Plan, Draft Guidelines for Determining Significance: Climate Change, and the Draft Report Format and Content Requirements: Greenhouse Gas Analyses and Reporting. Comments on these documents are due by March 19. (Staff Contact: Anna Lowe, anna.lowe@sdcounty.ca.gov)

Zoning Ordinance Update No. 29 and County Code Amendments – Board of Supervisors Hearing March 28

Draft Ordinance: http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu/ordamend.html

Advanced Planning staff has prepared another general clean-up to the County Zoning Ordinance. Proposed amendments will include the addition of definitions, and minor revisions to various sections of the ordinance. This action also proposes to make minor changes to the County Regulatory Code and the County Administrative Code. These amendments will be brought to the Board of Supervisors for its review and consideration March 28. The draft zoning ordinance amendments can be viewed by using the above link. (Staff Contact: Heather Lingelser, heather.lingelser@sdcounty.ca.gov)

Red Tape Reduction Task Force – Board of Supervisors Hearing March 28

http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu/advance/RTRTFReportRecFeb292012.pdf

The Board of Supervisors directed staff Feb. 29 to immediately implement a number of the recommendations made by the Red Tape Reduction Task Force (shaded green in this attachment), and to return with analysis of the remaining recommendations March 28. One of the recommendations chosen to be implemented immediately was the creation of an external "Audit Committee." Staff is preparing a draft mission statement for the committee as well as options for how the committee may be structured and will present those to the Board at its March 28 meeting. Staff plans to ask the Board for additional direction regarding the Audit Committee recommendation at the March 28 meeting. Staff will also present its analysis of the task force recommendations that were not immediately put into effect, and a status report on the recommendations that have been implemented.

(Staff Contact: Megan Jones, megan.jones@sdcounty.ca.gov)

Julian Dead, Dying and Diseased Tree Program Approved by the Board of Supervisors

The Board of Supervisors approved a program at its Feb. 29 meeting to strategically remove selected dead, dying and diseased trees in the greater Julian area. The project is

being funded by a \$7 million grant from the U.S. Forest Service and will be managed by the San Diego County Fire Authority. The project's purpose is to protect the public. Removing dead, dying and diseased trees will ensure they cannot fall into roadways in future fires where they can block evacuations firefighter access. Removal will also protect structures from embers or falling trees, and create defensible space for firefighters. (Staff Contact: Bobbie Stephenson, bobbie.stephenson@sdcounty.ca.gov)

Forest Conservation Initiative Lands General Plan Amendment

Staff is preparing a new land use plan for the former Forest Conservation Initiative (FCI) lands in the unincorporated San Diego County. The voter-approved initiative, which expired in 2010, required that approximately 70,000 acres of private lands within the Cleveland National Forest have a minimum lot size of 40 acres.

Late last year, staff prepared a preliminary land use plan to re-designate the FCI lands: http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu/advance/FCI.html. Each property owner with FCI lands was notified of the proposed changes. The County is currently holding meetings with community planning and sponsor groups to gather their input. County staff will soon begin the project's environmental analysis. Once complete, the proposed changes will be taken to the Planning Commission for recommendation and Board of Supervisors for approval. (Staff Contact: Bob Citrano, robert.citrano@sdcounty.ca.gov)

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